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The Villager

Village Of Colonie's 1st Stand Down Event

The US military is the backbone of our country, and the Village of Colonie takes every opportunity to honor our men and women in service. This Fall, the Village in conjunction with Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center and other community partners, will host its first-ever Stand Down event.

The original Stand Down event was held in California, in 1988. Since then, it is estimated that over 500,000 unhoused, or at risk veterans, have received assistance through these events. The term "Stand Down" comes from warfare tactics during World War I, when soldiers would "Stand To"; be prepared and highly alert for combat. Once the threat subsided, soldiers would "Stand Down"; relax and return to normal activities. Stand Down events are designed to bring opportunities and resources to veterans in need of assistance. These resources are not a hand-out, but rather a hand-up.

The Village's Stand Down event will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, at the Family Recreation Center, 3 Thunder Road. Registration will begin at 8:00am. Veterans will receive breakfast and a boxed lunch. They will be able to visit with vendors who can assist them with medical screenings, employment services, legal assistance and other program information. Veterans can also receive a haircut and a bag of clothing at the end of the event. All these services are complementary to our Veterans.

For more information, or if you wish to donate or volunteer, please contact Dom Dominguez at 518-522-1175, or Village Hall at 518-869-7562. Please visit our website, colonievillage.org, where you will find a flyer and more information. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to continuing to honor our Veterans.



UPCOMING EVENTS

— Your Calendar —

June 7

Family Fun Day

June 10 – Aug 26

*Tuesday Nights in the Park
Concert Series*

June 30

*Summer Playground
Sheds Open*

August 11

Ice Cream Social

FALL:

October 4

Veterans' Stand Down Event

October 18

Scout Bottle Drive

October 24

Kids' Halloween Party

November 3

Leaf Vacuum Begins

November 11

Veterans' Day Event

November 15

Scout Food Drive

November 22

Turkey Raffle



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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

For all Village meetings residents can contact the Village Hall at 518-869-7562 the day of the meeting to confirm the quorum. All agendas and minutes are available on our website, <https://colonievillage.org/agendas-minutes/>

• MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st & 3rd Monday of the Month6:30 pm

Jim Rubino, Mayor
Frank Prevratil, Deputy Mayor
Patty Schwarz Lockart, Trustee
Jason DePaulo, Trustee
Mark Stevens, Trustee
Jamie Blot, Clerk



James Rubino

• PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month.....6:30 pm

Chris Dennis, Chairman
Alison Curran / Kenny Hart / Brittany Kendall
John Lemperle / John Martin / Jim Splonskowski
Carl Kuentzel, Alternate
Hannah Curran, Coordinator
Frank Prevratil, Village Board Liaison



Frank Prevratil

• ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1st Wednesday of the month as needed..6:30 pm

Phil Minissale, Chairman
Les Decker / Chris Larrabee
Trevor Normandin / Joshua Rowinski
Ginny Ritz, Alternate
Stacie Douglas, Coordinator
Jason DePaulo, Village Board Liaison



Patty Schwarz Lockart

• SIGN REVIEW BOARD

4th Thursday of the month as needed ... 6:30 pm

Bill Levy, Chairman
Cynthia Calabrese / Krysta Dennis
Ann Paro / Marisa White
Diana Kuentzel, Alternate
Christina Secor, Coordinator
Jason DePaulo, Village Board Liaison



Jason DePaulo

• TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of the month6:30 pm

John Lemperle, Chairman
Frank Blake / George Lashoff
Michael Normandin / Les Samiof
Stacie Douglas, Coordinator
Frank Prevratil, Village Board Liaison



Mark Stevens

• ETHICS COMMITTEE

As needed

Marc Crow, Chairman
Alison Curran / Maureen Lee
Jeff White
Frank Prevratil, Village Board Liaison

If you are handicapped and need any assistance to attend a public meeting in the Village of Colonie, please notify the Clerk 24 hours before the meeting.

• Message from Village Hall



2025 Billing schedule:

April 1st **Water** Bills invoiced, due May 15th
June 1st **Village Tax** Bills invoiced, due July 1st
June 1st **Sewer** Bills invoiced, due July 15th

October 1st **Water** Bills invoiced, due November 15th
December 1st **Sewer** Bills invoiced, due by January 15th

All bills are due on the due dates listed above. If the date falls on a weekend, or holiday, the invoice will be accepted on the next business day without a fee. Please note, if you have your Village taxes paid by your bank through escrow, we will send your tax bill to your bank for payment.

Reminder: The drop box, in front of Village Hall at 2 Thunder Road, can be used to place your payments and/or correspondence. The drop box is checked daily.

• Message from the Traffic Committee

Summer Traffic

Did you know that the number of pedestrian-related accidents typically increases during the summer? Let's all do our part to ensure everyone can enjoy the season safely.



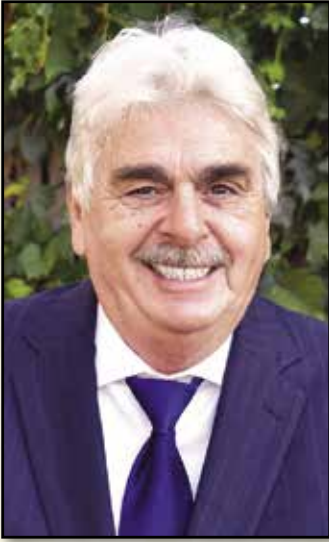
In the summer, more people are walking and biking on our Village streets; especially children. So please be extra vigilant of pedestrians and cyclists, especially near our parks. Remember to give them ample space and check your blind spots. Also be aware of motorcycles on the road and allow for greater following distance and check mirrors frequently.

Pedestrians should use crosswalks where applicable, wear bright clothing, carry a flashlight if walking at night and always be aware of their surroundings. Bicyclists should wear helmets, use hand signals, and follow all traffic laws.

The summer temperatures can also lead to tire blowouts and overheating. Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained and always check the tire pressure before long trips.

Thank You,
The Village of Colonie Traffic Committee

A Message from the **MAYOR**



Summer is, without a doubt, the perfect time to get outdoors, take a walk, enjoy the sunshine and take advantage of all the upcoming Village activities and events on our schedule.

To bring everyone up to date on Village activities over the past few months, the following has been accomplished:

- I attended the Fire Company Installation Dinner and swore in all the line officers;
- All the donations to the VA that were collected for female veterans during March were delivered;
- Everyone enjoyed the Easter Bunny Parade — hopping throughout the Village — greeting all the children and families;
- A new vehicle was purchased for Code Enforcement;
- Our DPW workers upgraded restrooms in the Cook Park Pavilion;
- Upgrades were also made to the Village Hall board room and audio system for meetings;
- Updates were made to the Recreation Center HVAC; and,
- I attended the re-opening of the Fisher House at the Stratton Medical Center VA Hospital.

As you read through this issue of the Villager, mark your calendars and plan to join us at the many events planned throughout the summer and fall. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about and enjoying our Village.

Sincerely,

Jim Rubino

Mayor Jim Rubino



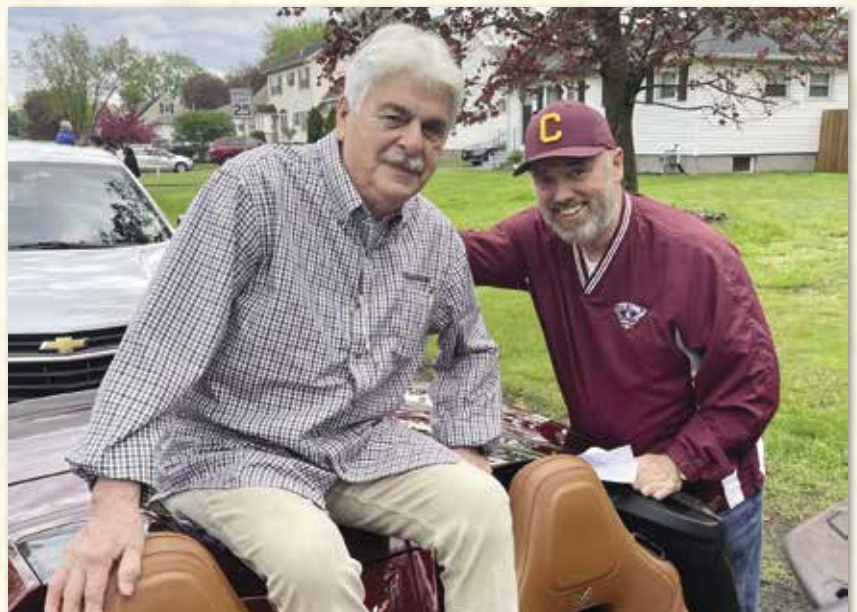
Former Village Mayor Ed Sim, current Mayor Jim Rubino and Village Clerk Jamie Blot deliver donations collected during March for Female Veterans to Erwin "Dom" Dominguez on behalf of VA services at the VA Hospital.



Sandy Oakley, Town Supervisor Peter Crummey, Village Mayor Jim Rubino & Village Deputy Mayor Frank Prevratil at the Colonie Fire Company's Installation Dinner.



Mayor Rubino at the Colonie Fire Company's Installation dinner swearing in line officers.



Mayor Rubino & Deputy Mayor Frank Prevratil at the Colonie Little League Opening Day Parade.

Village Directory

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Chris Ciota, Assistant Superintendent

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Vincent Krzykowski, Highway/Sanitation Foreman

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Randy Rivera, Stormwater Management Officer &

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Jeffrey Kayser, Fire Co. Chief

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Trustee Mark Stevens, Village Board Liaison

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www.colonievillage.org OR:



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Visit the Village Website at:

www.colonievillage.org

• Message from

Department of Public Works

Yard Waste & Brush Pick-Up

Yard waste and brush must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or in reusable containers. These containers **MUST NOT** be over 32 gallons in volume or over 40 pounds in weight and be identified by a special sticker. Brush no larger than 3" in diameter must be cut into lengths no longer than 4 feet and bundled with string (no wire) into a bundle that one man can lift. Yard waste and brush is picked up each week on a continual cycle around the Village from spring until late fall. Place your bags/containers curbside for pick-up. There is no set pick-up day. Biodegradable paper bags can be purchased at supermarkets, hardware stores and home centers. Stickers to identify your 32-gallon reusable containers are \$3.00 each and are available at Village Hall.



"For more information about recycling in our Village, please visit our website at colonievillage.org/recycling"

Heavy Item Pick-Up

Important Reminders for the 2025 Season

In-person scheduling for Heavy Item Pick-Up is now available at Village Hall. If you have any questions, please call 518-869-7562.

Rules and Regulations of the Program:

- This program is for **Village residents only**.
- Each residential address will be eligible for one pick-up per year.
- Pick-ups will begin June 2nd and end August 25th. Pick-ups are each Monday, excluding holidays.
- Reservations must be made in person at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, on weekdays during normal business hours 8:30am-4:30pm.
- Residents are required to fill out a Village of Colonie Heavy Item Form and coordinate the date for their assigned pick-up.
- Proof of residency must be provided at the time of reservation (driver's license, cable bill, utility bill or tax bill).
- Upon reservation, you will receive a copy of the completed Village of Colonie Heavy Item Form, along with a list of rules of the program. You can check our website at colonievillage.org for a list of items that will or will not be accepted for Heavy Item pick-up; the list is subject to change without notice.

• Message from the Code Enforcement

Summer is upon us and we are all looking forward to the warm weather and spending time outdoors. Code Enforcement has been working diligently on enforcing property maintenance and unregistered/abandoned vehicle codes. If you receive a letter regarding either of these issues, please contact our department as promptly as possible. We are willing to work with residents to keep an open line of communication. Your help in keeping the Village a place to be proud of is imperative.

We would also like to provide a friendly reminder of the more recent codes the Village of Colonie has adopted. If your property is active as an Airbnb, Vrbo, or any other short-term rental, you must be registered with Code Enforcement. Please contact Village Hall for more information on how to register, and what is required to maintain the registry. Also, unhitched trailers should not be parked in the Village right-of-way for more than 48 hours.

In the spirit of keeping you and your fellow neighbors safe, we advise all residents to have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It is also important to establish a safe exit plan for all members of your residence in case of an emergency. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and we wish all of our residents a safe and happy summer and fall

Cook Park Bathrooms

The public restrooms by the Cook Pavilion have been newly renovated by our dedicated DPW workers. The men's and women's facilities have been freshly painted and have new floors and ceilings. The stall partitions have been updated and new hand dryers and changing tables added. These bathrooms are refreshed and brighter for the coming summer season.



Butterfly Garden



Nestled within Cook Park, in a triangular area bordered by Rogowitz Baseball Field, Kuhn Baseball Field, and the Northway, lies The Cook Park Butterfly Garden. This lovely garden was established over three years ago by local resident Elaine Sacco. During the COVID pandemic, Elaine spent a lot of time walking in Cook Park and felt there was a need for a vibrant garden. With the approval of former Mayor Tom Tobin, she teamed up with Rita Hausman to transform a section of the park into a colorful oasis. This garden not only enhances the park's beauty but also supports the local ecosystem. It features a variety of plants

and native species designed to attract essential pollinators like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. They play a crucial role in plant reproduction and the health of the ecosystem. With the encouragement of current Mayor Jim Rubino, Elaine has begun expanding the garden this summer by adding shrubs and small trees. Volunteers are always welcome to join in the gardening effort. For more details, you can reach out to Elaine at 518-221-8277. The next time you are in Cook Park, we encourage you to visit the garden and enjoy the wonderful work done by these volunteers. It has been said that the Butterfly Garden is not just a feast for the eyes, it also nourishes nature and feeds the soul.



Cook Park Butterfly Garden as it starts to bloom.

Employee Spotlight



From left to right, Joan Rueckert & Chrissy Lanza at their retirement party.

The Village of Colonie is pleased to share that two of our long-time employees will be entering their well-deserved retirement this summer. Chrissy Lanza began her service with the Village of Colonie in November, 2009 as a food service helper in the HBK Senior Center, and in 2014, she became the Center's Director. She served as Director until her retirement in April, 2025. Chrissy's colleagues would describe her as a sweet, caring and thoughtful co-worker and friend. Throughout Chrissy's career, she always took pride in her work and being a part of the Village of Colonie. Chrissy is looking forward to spending her retirement with friends and family, and her beloved dogs.

Joan Rueckert began her service with the Village of Colonie in June, 2011 as an Outreach Worker at the Outreach Center. She has positively contributed to the lives of many, not only in the Village, but in the greater Capital District. Joan also most recently served as the Planning Commission Coordinator, bridging the relationship between Village government and businesses in the community. Joan is known to her colleagues as a hardworking, determined and honest co-worker and friend. Joan is always willing to listen, offer moral support and lend a helping hand wherever needed. Joan is looking forward to spending her retirement outdoors, golfing and spending time with loved ones.

The Village of Colonie has sincere appreciation and gratitude for the years of service Joan and Chrissy have both contributed. They will be missed on a day-to-day basis, but we wish them the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations Joan and Chrissy!



2025 Planning Commission Approvals

The Mayor and Board of Trustees would like to WELCOME the following businesses approved by the Planning Commission and wish them much success!

Crescent Pizza - 1526 Central Avenue

High quality classic and specialty pizza

Drue Sanders Jeweler- 1585 Central Avenue

Customer Jeweler

Upbeat Nutrition - 1593 Central Avenue

Energy tea and protein shake bar

Sharkey's Cuts for Kids - 1814 Central Avenue

Hair salon designed for kids

Active Environmental - 18 Walker Way, Section 4

Environmentally sensitive pest control

Water Service Lines

Important information for all residents

The EPA is requiring all water systems to prepare and maintain an inventory of water service line materials. This requirement is to ensure that all community water services are safe and up to code. The Village of Colonie is required by law to identify and log every water service pipe as it enters a house/building. Call to set up a quick five-minute appointment at 518-869-6372 if you have not yet had your water service line identified. A representative from the Village Water Department will check to determine if your water service pipe is galvanized steel, copper or lead and takes a picture of the pipe. Failure to have your water service line identified and logged in could result in penalties. Thank you for your cooperation.



Veteran Salute



Steve Garry, a life-time resident of the Village, whose family dates back over a 100 years in this community, always wanted to be a United States Marine. He even remembers wearing authentic dress blues as a Halloween costume when he was in the 5th grade.

A few years after graduating from Colonie High School, Steve's wish came true when he enlisted in the Marines and did basic training at Parris

Island, SC. He hoped to be assigned to the Military Police, but his color blindness forced him into the Infantry at Quantico, VA. There, he became a machine gunner and ultimately provided weapons training to recruits.

After his honorable discharge, he married his wife of nearly 33 years, Ronda, and went to work at his family's business, John T. Garry Contracting. For the next 38 years, Steve also worked at the School Bus Garage as a driver. In 1997, he and his brother opened Lincoln Storage, a self-storage business. Together, they also joined the Antique Car Club that has become a family hobby and includes a few of his father's original trucks.

Steve proudly serves as the Marine liaison with the Toys for Tots Campaign to "Stuff the Bus" each Christmas. He is grateful for the generosity of the Village residents for helping to benefit thousands of children during the holidays.

We pay tribute to Steve Garry for his sacrifice and military service to benefit others and thank him for being a legacy member of our Village.

Veteran's Day Event

Monday, November 10th

Veteran's Memorial in Cook Park

Set to begin at 9 am

Please join us as we honor those who
have bravely served our country

Coffee and light refreshments to follow

Banner Program



Photo credit: VFW Post 8692 Member Gene Loparco

As you drive or walk through Cook Park, you will notice the Heroes Banners on many poles in honor and recognition of our Village Veterans and military members. You can also view these banners, along with a map and their locations on our website at colonievillage.org/heroes-banner-program. A table with sample banners and sign-up forms will be available for your convenience during Family Fun Day on June 7th. If you

are interested in purchasing a Heroes Banner or learning more about the program prior to June, please contact Hannah Curran at hcurran@colonievillage.org.

October is "Help a Veteran Month"

Donations will be collected throughout the month of October

The Village of Colonie has officially designated October as "Help a Veteran Month" and will be gathering a range of items for the VA Medical Center. The following items are requested: rice, cereal, individually packaged snacks, instant potatoes, and



Rice-A-Roni products; gift cards in increments of \$25; as well as coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and underwear. It is important to note that all collected items must be new. Donations can

be dropped off at the Village Senior Center. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. For any questions, please call Jamie Blot at Village Hall at 518-869-7562.

Easter Parade Recap

It was such a joy to see everyone who came out to welcome us and the Easter Bunny. Special thanks to our amazing employees, volunteers, the Colonie Police Department, and the Colonie Fire Company for helping to make our Easter Parade another success! Over the weekend, we met many families and neighbors throughout the Village, coming together to celebrate the arrival of spring...bringing smiles to everyone!



Summer Playground Sheds

WHEN:

Beginning Monday, June 30

Monday-Friday

8:45am-11:45am & 12:45pm-3:45pm

**Locust Park Shed Closes on Pool Days & Field Trip Days*

WHERE:

The brown sheds on the playgrounds in
Locust Park and Cook Park.

WHAT:

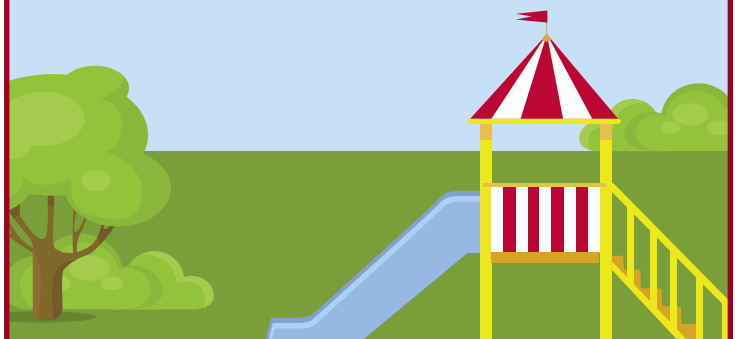
Our summer staff, trained in CPR and basic First Aid, are on hand at the sheds to offer children extra crafts, games, and fun when they visit our playgrounds. We have crayons, paints, bubbles, beads, toys, and much more all set for summer!

EXTRA FUN:

We are excited for our outings to the Colonie Town Pool and various field trips! Watch for our summer flyers in late May with more detailed information. Sign-ups for field trips will start in mid-June. If you have any questions, reach out to the Family Recreation Center at 518-218-7782.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The sheds will be closed for lunch from 11:45am to 12:45pm, as well as for pool trips, field trips, and in case of severe weather. Although we strive to accommodate all situations, we may have to close the sheds due to staff shortages or unexpected events. This service is offered by the Village of Colonie to enhance the summer experience for you and your children in our parks and playgrounds. Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone. We want to remind residents that this is NOT a full-day camp or a substitute for daycare. Our staff does not monitor children coming and going from the playground, nor do they provide or accept payment for babysitting services.



Senior Corner

We are here for all Village residents 55+ and Village Senior Center members, Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Delicious homemade lunches are available for Village residents and Senior Center members Monday - Friday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm. Dine-in meals are \$6 each; take-out meals are \$7 each. Cash & checks are accepted. **You must order one week in advance to insure we can honor your request; we often sell out!** Check out our website at www.colonievillage.org/senior-citizens/ for our menus and order tickets. You can order and pay in advance! For take-out meals, you must come into the Senior Center for pick up. Convenient parking is located behind Village Hall. If you are shut-in at home, arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs. **Please call 518-869-7172 to order lunch and/or to make special arrangements.**

The Senior Center has many great activities and classes for your participation:

MONDAY

- All Day: Billiards, Wii Bowling, Workout Room
- Qi Gong 9:00am - 9:45am
- Tai Chi 9:45am - 10:30am

TUESDAY

- All Day: Billiards, Wii Bowling, Workout Room
- Functional Movement with Isadore 11:00am - 11:45am
- Pinochle 12:30pm - 2:30pm



WEDNESDAY

- All Day: Billiards, Wii Bowling, Workout Room, Bingo
- Functional Movement with Isadore 11:00am - 11:45am
- Mah-jongg 11:00am - 2:30pm

THURSDAY

- All Day: Billiards, Wii Bowling, Workout Room
- Body Fitness with Theresa 10:15am - 11:00am
- Mah-jongg 11:00am - 2:30pm

FRIDAY

- All Day: Billiards, Wii Bowling, Workout Room
- Chair Yoga 10:00am - 10:45am
- Mah-jongg 11:00am - 2:30pm
- Functional Movement with Isadore 11:00am - 11:45am

Our Center will be collecting donations for Veterans, such as nonperishable foods, personal toiletries, socks and underwear on an ongoing basis. Please note: all items collected must be new. You may drop off inside the Senior Center, weekdays between the hours of 9:00am – 2:00pm. Please enter through the main doors of the Senior Center. Thank you for your support of this ongoing project to help our local veterans, and your continuing support of Village individuals and families.

As always, there will be several fun events coming this season including a Father's Day Luncheon, Summer Lunch Specials and then a Halloween Party this fall. Watch for more details. As always, the Senior Center is heated and air conditioned, a comfortable temperature all year round! Everyone is welcome at our Senior Center, however, if you are not feeling well, be mindful of others, and PLEASE STAY HOME! We all want to keep our Center and Seniors safe and healthy! The Senior Center is FREE to join for all Village residents, 55 years plus. If you are not a member yet, we would love to have you join us. **Please call 518-869-7172 for more information. See you soon!**

Mental and Emotional Health Support

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Would you like to talk to somebody outside your home? Listed below are several resources that are available to help.

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988

• We can all help prevent suicide. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential text and call support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

Albany County Mobile Crisis Team:

- 518-549-6500 - ask for Mobile Crisis
- Monday - Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm
- Saturday - Sunday, 11:30am to 9:30pm
- Adult Emergency Mental Health Assessment

Northern Rivers Mobile Crisis Team:

- 518-292-5499
- Ask for Child and Adolescent Mobile Crisis
- Monday to Friday 7:00am to 11:00pm, Saturdays & Sundays 11:00am to 7:00pm, ALL HOLIDAYS 10:00am to 6:00pm
- Crisis Assessment, Intervention & Stabilization; Consultation and Information; Facilitation of Alternate Levels of Care
- Responds to calls in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Warren & Washington County.
- Cover adults & children in above counties except Albany Adults (they use the Albany County Mobile Crisis Team)



• Message from the Fire Chief

A rescue back in time – 1980... This photo was taken at a house fire in the Village back in 1980 where this unconscious man was dragged from his burning home by Colonie Fire Company firefighters Mike Link and Terry Fredericks. Once outside, he was immediately tended to by Colonie Fire Company firefighter-paramedic Kevin Moore who is pictured calling for assistance. The man was resuscitated at the scene and transported to the hospital in critical condition where after a period of days was released. Due to the heroic efforts of the members of our fire department, this Village resident survived the fire.



Current year 2025... Tragically, in late January and again in late March, we responded to two house fires in the Village where five residents died from smoke inhalation. In both of these fires, there were **NO WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS** inside the homes. It could certainly be argued that if these residents had more prior warning of the fire conditions inside their houses they could have escaped. *Please have at least one working smoke detector in your home. If you are not sure of the proper smoke detector placement, reach out to us and we will assist you.* **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!**

Point to ponder... over the past 45 years in the Village of Colonie, there have been four fatal house fires and the cause of **EACH ONE OF THEM** was attributed to careless smoking. Please be careful of how you dispose of your smoking materials and **NEVER** smoke in bed or while laying down watching television.

Swimming Pool Safety – Unfortunately, almost every summer we suffer the tragedy of a child drowning in a swimming pool within the Village. These instances are a horrible loss for the families involved and are most often preventable. *If you have a swimming pool in your yard, do not leave children anywhere near the pool without adult supervision.* All it takes is a moment away from your children that can lead to tragedy. Please, please never leave your child unattended in your yard.

Your community needs you! - The Colonie Fire Company, located at 1631 Central Avenue, is the volunteer fire department that serves your neighborhood in the Village of Colonie. Every year,

we respond to over 500 emergency fire and EMS calls. It is a fair statement to say that we are a busy fire department. We are always in need of active volunteers to join our ranks. We would very much like the chance to meet you and explain the volunteer fire service in this community. The Village of Colonie is a great community to live or work in and part of its charm is how we look out for one another. Joining the Colonie Fire Company is a great way to serve your neighbors as well as the surrounding communities where we provide Mutual Aid fire service assistance. Come join our “family” here at the firehouse and learn life-saving skills and make new friends. There is no cost to you; we provide all equipment and training for free. There is a property tax break, a NYS Income Tax credit and a retirement financial incentive plan provided to all of our active volunteer firefighters. In addition, our members are afforded the full use of our modern facility, including our impressive physical fitness room. Over the years, our members have saved countless lives doing what we do for our community and you can be a part of that proud tradition. Seize the opportunity to truly make a difference in our Village and join us today! We accept applications for volunteer firefighters from the age of 16 and older and you can find us at www.coloniefire.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Chief Jeff Kayser

Colonie Fire Company



REMINDER

The Village Hall, DPW, Senior Center and Family Recreation Offices will be closed: Juneteenth - Thursday, June 19th

**All Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Thursday, June 19th.*

Independence Day - Friday, July 4th

**Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Monday, July 7th.*

Columbus Day - Monday, October 13th

**Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Monday, October 13th.*

Election Day - Tuesday, November 4th

**Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 4th.*

Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11th

**Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Tuesday, November 11th.*

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 27th

**Garbage & recycling pick-up will be picked up on Friday, November 28th.*

Day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) Friday, November 28th

**Garbage & recycling pick-up will remain the same on Friday, November 28th.*

***Please have all garbage & recycling out by 6:00am.**

Pet Safety & Dog Park

Our Pets are Important Family Members...

Beautiful summer days are just around the corner and as temperatures rise, it is important to remember that increased heat can be dangerous for our furry friends. Leaving your pet out in the yard without shelter or access to water can be deadly. Even more dangerous is leaving your pet in the car while you run a quick errand. Cracking a window is not enough! Dogs and cats do not sweat the same way as humans and are unable to cool themselves down as easily as we do. This chart shows how quickly things can go bad for our beloved animals. Pets are an important part of our family; help keep them safe and avoid a tragedy!

Have you considered taking your dog to visit our fully shaded dog park within Cook Park? This off-leash area has small and large sections, catering to dogs of all sizes and play styles. Your dog can socialize, exercise and explore without the constraints of a leash. The park also features a water source to keep your dog hydrated during their fun-filled adventure.



"Village residents enjoy the space and shade at the Cook Park Dog Park."



FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, June 7th • 12 pm-4 pm
Cook Park Pavilion

Let's kick off the summer together, Village style!

Come and enjoy our Village community at its best for Family Fun Day in Cook Park.

The day will include face painting, bounce houses, giveaways, raffles, demonstrations, crafts, games, food, and plenty of fun for everyone! There will also be a collection table available if you wish to bring donations for our Veterans to Family Fun Day.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, August 11th
6 pm-8 pm • Cook Park

Join us for a relaxing and sweet summer evening at the **Frank A. Leak Amphitheater** in Cook Park.

Complimentary ice cream sundaes will be served by summer staff at the **Snack Shack** beginning at 6:00pm.

Music, performed by the **Colonie Town Band**, begins at 7:00pm. We look forward to a refreshing, musical evening with everyone!

TUESDAY NIGHTS *in the* PARK 2025



**Tuesday
Evenings**

JUNE 10th

to AUG 26th

@ 6:30pm

**Frank A. Leak
Amphitheater**

**Cook Park
Village of Colonie**

Rain dates will be on the following
Wednesday at the Amphitheater,
weather permitting. If there is
inclement weather on the rain date,
the concert will be cancelled.

June 10th The Lustre Kings
Rockabilly

June 17th Joe's Boys
60's, 70's, 80's & Beyond

**June 24th The Hammerhead
Horns**
Ragtime Blues

July 1st Lucid Street
Rock, Pop & Beyond

July 8th TS Ensemble
Sinatra to Today

July 15th Triskele
Celtic

**July 22nd The New
Harmony Rocks**
Rock

July 29th Electric City Horns
Dance/Pop/Swing

August 5th The Accents
Greatest Hits

August 12th Hair of the Dog
Celtic/Americana

August 19th Skeeter Creek
Country

August 26th New York Players
Jazz/Funk/Disco



Brought to you by the Village of Colonie
Mayor Jim Rubino, Deputy Mayor Frank Prevratil,
Trustees Patty Schwarz Lockart, Jason DePaulo
& Mark Stevens

Any questions, please contact the
Family Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road Colonie, NY 12205
(518) 218-7782



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2025

TUESDAY NIGHTS in the PARK

Opportunities to give:



GOLD SPONSOR

- *\$1000 Donation
- *Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- *Corporate Name on Season Event Signage
- *Opening Night Recognition



SILVER SPONSOR

- *\$500 Donation
- *Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- *Corporate Name on Season Event Signage



BRONZE SPONSOR

- *\$250 Donation
- *Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs
- *Corporate Name on Season Event Signage



PATRON OF THE ARTS

- *\$100 Donation
- *Corporate Name in Tuesday Night Programs



FRIEND OF THE ARTS

- *\$25 Donation
- *Name listed in Tuesday Night Programs



DONATION

- *I/we are unable to become a sponsor, but enclosed is a contribution of \$_____ in support of the Amphitheater Arts Program

PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW:

Contact Name: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

NAME/BUSINESS _____

PRINT EXACTLY HOW YOUR NAME/BUSINESS SHOULD APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM

Please address all checks to "Village of Colonie - Amphitheater"

Return this paper with your payment to:

Christina Secor, Village Hall

2 Thunder Road, Colonie, NY 12205

If you have any questions please call Brian at the Family Rec Center, 518-218-7782

Thank you for your generosity, without your donations these concerts would not be possible.

FALL REMINDERS

• Message from Department of Public Works

Leaf Pick-Up

The Department of Public Works will begin using the leaf vacuum for pick up on Monday, November 3rd, and will continue until the weather permits. ABSOLUTELY NO STICKS, ROCKS, OR OTHER DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED UP. There is no set schedule for operation, and there is NO guarantee that leaves will be vacuumed. Therefore, given the weather-dependent nature of the leaf vacuum machine, all residents are encouraged to bag their leaves when possible. The leaf vacuum will not be used in freezing temperatures, heavy rain, or snow. Weekly leaf bag pick up will continue until Monday, December 1st.

Village of Colonie KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, Oct. 24th • 6pm-8pm
Family Recreation Center
3 Thunder Road

Join us for a spook-tacular good time!

There will be goody bags, crafts, pumpkin decorating, snacks, tricks and treats! You must call ahead to register. Spots are limited and always fill up fast. This is NOT a drop-off event. Costumes are not required, but always encouraged!

Reservations begin October 1st.
Call the Family Recreation Center at
518-218-7782.

This is a complimentary event for the Village community; courtesy of the Mayor and Board of Trustees.



Boy Scout Troop 278 Fall Bottle Drive

Saturday, October 18

7am to Noon

DPW Garage at 1 Thunder Road

Village Boy Scout Troop 278 will be hosting its Fall Bottle Drive on October 18. We respectfully request that if you are able, please drop off bottles to the DPW Garage at 1 Thunder Road between 7:00am and noon. For residents that are unable to drive, we will have a small crew of scouts and parents doing pick-ups. Leave your bags of bottles in front of your door in a visible spot from the street. This process may take us longer, so please have patience if they are not picked up by noon.



WATCH FOR OUR PUMPKIN PATROL Happy Halloween!



We look forward to seeing all our Village residents out on Halloween for Pumpkin Patrol. The Mayor, Board of Trustees and DPW Supervisors ride throughout the Village on Halloween to ensure that all our trick-or-treaters have a safe and happy holiday. If you see us, give us a wave, we may have some sweet treats for trick-or-treaters of all ages!

Scouting for Food – Drive Up



Saturday, November 15 • 7am to Noon
Family Recreation Center

Help our Village of Colonie Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and the community, with a donation to the “Scouting for Food” Drive. Each year, Boy and Girl Scout Troops from the Village host this food drive as part of their mission to assist others. At a time when food pantries are typically low and the holidays are right around the corner, now is the time to help. Drive right up and the Scouts will help unload your car! For residents who are unable to leave their homes or have limited mobility, there will be a small crew of scouts and parents doing pick-ups at the end of the day. This process may take us longer, so please have patience if they are not picked up by noon. Please leave your bag of food items on your front steps in a visible spot from the street and the scouts will pick it up.

As always, thank you for supporting the Scouts! It is your generous support and kind donations that help fund the troop’s community service and activities throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Brian Casey, Scout Master

caseyb@colonievillage.org • 518-218-7782

Colonie Fire Company’s Annual **TURKEY RAFFLE**

... MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

NOVEMBER 22, 2025

Doors open at 6pm
at the Village Family
Recreation Center
— 3 Thunder Road —



**The evening includes a live DJ,
door prizes, turkey raffles, food,
beverages, and lots of fun...**

SAVE THE DATES!

Village Tree Lighting

December 2, 2025

Santa Parade

December 6 & 7, 2025

Breakfast with Santa

December 13, 2025

Seatings at 8:30am & 10:30am

Reservations begin November 19th



Check the next Villager for more information!

• Message from the **Traffic Committee**

Fall Traffic

During the fall season, don’t forget to practice safety on our Village streets. As the leaves change, so do driving conditions. Remember to slow down, turn on your headlights in reduced visibility, and watch out for children and pedestrians walking on our Village streets. It is also back to school time, so keep alert for the school buses and obey the rules to keep everyone safe.

When the good weather ends, the Traffic Committee’s “Slow Down” lawn sign program boards will be put away for the fall/winter season, remember to reduce your speed and increase awareness.

Be aware of wildlife as animals are more active in cooler weather. Please be especially cautious when driving at dusk or dawn.

Get Involved! The Traffic Committee values your input. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Village Hall, as needed. All residents are welcome to attend. Visit www.colonievillage.org and click on the “News & Announcements” section for any schedule changes.

Thank you,

The Village of Colonie Traffic Committee

VILLAGE HALL

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Remember When... SMOKEY SIXTIES

The 1960s proved to be a time of historic fires in the Village of Colonie. In 1962, a war surplus outlet was located at 1630 Central Avenue. The building housed supplies and tents from World War II that were chemically treated. The toxic fumes and smoke from its fire rolled into the air for nearly four hours, and 25 firemen were treated at Albany Medical Center for smoke inhalation; some having experienced a paralyzing effect from the noxious fumes. Just two weeks later another fire occurred on the same property, sparking an investigation of arson by the New York State Police. After another mysterious fire at 1586 Central Avenue, the prior Albany Ladder Company, it

was determined that a group of juveniles were going around and setting what they thought to be small fires. However, the fires led to physical injuries of the selfless first responders that worked to serve their community.

Further, during the 1960s, Village Hall even suffered a fire. When Village Hall was located at 1649 Central Avenue, faulty electrical wiring led to a small fire that damaged portions of the downstairs kitchen and board room. News media shared images of firefighters examining the remnants of the damaged section of the building.

-Hannah Curran, Village Historian



Village Hall Fire



War Surplus Outlet Fire